

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 BERN 01394 011751Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----011754Z 013445 /53

O 011717Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY BERN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4147
INFO USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T BERN 1394

EXDIS

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR SY US XF SZ
SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT IN GENEVA

REF: BERN 1337

1. HEGNER CALLED ME THIS MORNING AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE GENEVA AREA. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND HE ARE NOW STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE GALLATIN HOUSE FOR THE MEETING. HEGNER SAID THE HOUSE IS LARGER THAN HE HAD REALIZED, AND HAS A SECOND NEIGHBORING HOUSE (ONCE STAFF QUARTERS) WITH ABOUT 25 SMALL ROOMS. THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS IS OCCUPIED BY THE FORMER OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY (WHOM THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE CAN VOUCH FOR). THE MAIN HOUSE HAS TWO DRAWING ROOMS, A DINING ROOM THAT CAN SEAT TWENTY, GOOD FACILITIES FOR PRIVATE QUARTERS FOR THE PRESIDENT, AND ENOUGH ADDITIONAL ROOMS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S IMMEDIATE STAFF. HEGNER WAS VERY MUCH TAKEN WITH THE AESTHETICS OF THE PLACE, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE HISTORICAL CONNECTION WITH GALLATIN WOULD BE A NICE TOUCH.

2. SO FAR AS ACCESS IS CONCERNED, HENGER SAYS IT COULD
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 BERN 01394 011751Z

BE BY TWO-ROTOR HELICOPTER (THERE IS A SUITABLE LANDING PLACE) OR BY A CAR RIDE OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. AT LEAST ONE OF THE HIGHWAY OVERPASSES CAN BE ELIMINATED BY TAKING SMALLER ROADS AND THE LOCAL POLICE AND SWISS GOVERNMENT ARE NOW CONFIDENT THAT SAFE GROUND ACCESS CAN BE ASSURED. THE ESTATE IS IN A SMALL VILLAGE, BUT THE POLICE SAY THAT ACCESS CAN BE COVERED FROM ALL ANGLES.

HEGNER SAID TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE ESTATE AND THE U S
MISSION BUILDING COULD BE CONTROLLED DURING THE TIME THE
PRESIDENT IS IN THE GENEVA AREA TO INSURE RAPID
AUTOMOBILE TRANSIT.

3. THE SWISS AUTHORITIES WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE U S
SECURITY REPRESENTATIVES WHEN WE FIND THIS CONVENIENT
(PRESUMABLY AVOIDING EASTER WEEKEND). HEGNER MENTIONED
ONCE AGAIN THAT ANY INFORMATION WE CAN GIVE THEM ABOUT
NUMBERS IN THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, OUR DESIRES REGARDING
COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (REFTEL) WILL OF COURSE BE HELPFUL.
DAVIS

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CHIEFS OF STATE MEETINGS, SITE SURVEYS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 01-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BERN01394
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770113-0258
Format: TEL
From: BERN
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197704100/aaaadixa.tel
Line Count: 74
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 07ebb39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 77 BERN 1337
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2662467
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT IN GENEVA
TAGS: PFOR, SY, US, XF, SZ, (ASAD, HAFIZ), (CARTER, JIMMY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/07ebb39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009